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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **1. Save the Date—Partnering for Success**

The upcoming 2015 ***Partnering for Success*** statewide training event is scheduled for May 13-15, 2015 in Orlando, Florida at the Caribe Royale. The goal of this meeting is to provide training, technical assistance, and opportunities for networking and collaboration among early intervention and early childhood professionals. The registration fee is \$60. Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be available for many of the breakout sessions. Please share the attached Save the Date flyer with others.

### **2. Call for Proposals—Partnering for Success**

The Planning Committee is accepting proposals from those interested in presenting at the 2015 ***Partnering for Success*** statewide training event. The focus of the presentations should be on healthy social-emotional development of infants and toddlers and their families. If you are interested in presenting please complete and submit the attached Presenter Proposal form to Haylie Mistrot at [Haylie.Mistrot@flhealth.gov](mailto:Haylie.Mistrot@flhealth.gov) by October 15, 2014.

The Planning Committee requests that you share this information with anyone who may be interested in presenting at this exciting event.

## **MEDICAID UPDATES:**

### **3. Medicaid Alerts and Questions**

The Florida Medicaid program has an e-mail alert system to supplement the present method of receiving Provider Alerts information and to alert registered subscribers of "late-breaking" health care information. You will receive an email when Medicaid policy clarifications or other health care information is available that is appropriate for your selected area and provider type.

Visit the **Florida Medicaid's Health Care Alerts** page at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/alerts/alerts.shtml> to subscribe, unsubscribe, or update your subscription.

### **4. Payment for Services to Florida's Medicaid Providers**

The Agency for Health Care Administration works with the Florida Department of Financial Services, State Treasury, and several financial institutions to facilitate payment for services to Florida's Medicaid providers. The current process is a manual process, and in working with our partners, the Agency will begin to utilize a more secure payment protocol beginning in October 2014.

This new process will be implemented with a target effective date of October 10, 2014 and will affect providers that receive their Medicaid payments by electronic funds transfer (EFT). This change will result in weekly Medicaid payments to providers to occur on Fridays instead of Thursdays as is the case today.

The Friday payment date may be impacted for weeks during which a holiday occurs, depending on the day of the holiday. The Agency will inform providers separately if a holiday causes the payment date to change.

## **INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

### **5. New Video Illustrating Family Engagement**

Results Matter, found at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter/RMVideoSeries.htm>, is a program of the Colorado Department of Education. They recently posted the following new video in the Results Matter Video Library: The Sunshine Bus Preschool on Wheels Program—Engaging Children and Families at <http://www2.cde.state.co.us/media/resultsmatter/RMSeries/TheSunshineBusPreschoolOnWheelsProgramEngagingChildrenAndFamilies.asp> (Runtime: 9:23) and is a sequel to "Gus The Bus - Preschool on Wheels," illustrating how a host of community partners produced a second Preschool on Wheels to serve families who live in isolated areas. The focus of this story is on family engagement, described by a number of families who participate in the program. This video can be accessed from the Practices here and There section of the library at [http://www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter/RMVideoSeries\\_PracticesHereAndThere.htm#top](http://www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter/RMVideoSeries_PracticesHereAndThere.htm#top). As with all Results Matter videos, it can be viewed online and downloaded at no cost for use in educational and professional development activities.

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